

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 31-35 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,135,918 to Bellinger et al. Additionally, the Examiner stated that claims 1-30 and 36-44 are allowed.

Applicants thank Examiner for indicating that claims 1-30 and 36-44 are allowed.

In this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 31-35, without prejudice or disclaimer, and amend claims 37-39, 41, 42, and 44 to correct minor claim numbering errors that were present in the original application and amendment dated February 3, 2004. Additionally, Applicants amend claims 38 and 40 to correct minor typographical errors. No new matter was added.

As such, Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance, including pending claims 1-30 and 36-44.

If the Examiner has any questions or believes a telephone conversation might otherwise advance prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Amendment and charge any additional necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 03-1129.

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